(b) and (c) At present, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has no plan to provide aerobridge at Patna Airport.

Posting of IAF Officials at ATC in Metro Airports

2630. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to post Indian Air Force (IAF) officers at Civil Air Traffic controls in the four metro airports to monitor aircraft movement;

(b) the purpose of this decision taken by Government; and

(c) in what manner this would help IAF to react quickly in case of deviation of flight from its normal route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Government have decided to post Indian Air Force officers at Civil Air Traffic Control Centre at Delhi airport only to monitor air traffic movement to protect strategic installations/buildings in Delhi.

(c) Information is being collected from Indian Air Force.

Operation of International Flights from Amritsar

2631. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to operate direct flights from Amritsar to destinations in Europe, Canada and United Kingdom for the benefit of the people of Punjab who have settled and are working there and also for tourists; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) The designated carriers of India *i.e.* Air India/Indian Airlines have no plans, at present, to operate direct flights from Amritsar to destinations in Europe, Canada and United Kingdom. So far as the operation of foreign